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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Continued Prosecution Application of: ) Art Unit: 1743 ✓  
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 ) Examiner: Bex, P. ✓  
 Applicant: Mathies, et al. )  
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 Application No.: 09/199,655 ✓ )  
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 Filed: November 25, 1998 ✓ )  
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 For: MICROPLATE SAMPLE AND REAGENT )  
 LOADING SYSTEM )  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT

## TRADEMARK OFFICE

9P-1743  
PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): MATHIES et al.

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Examiner: P. Bex

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Client Ref

Appln. Title: MICROPLATE SAMPLE AND REAGENT LOADING SYSTEM

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: August 22, 2001

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

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U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICEFEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim		For B & C See <u>Required Separate Paper</u> (Pat-256)					
		Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	9	**minus	35	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims	1	***minus	0	0	x \$80/\$40 =	+ \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a <u>reissue</u> application) .....		add		+ \$270/\$135 =	+ \$0		104/204
<b>5. Original due Date:</b>	August 22, 2001	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached		(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =				115/215
		(2 mos)	\$390/\$195 =	+ \$0			116/216
		(3 mos)	\$890/\$445 =				117/217
		(Usable only for ≤ 2mo.OA --- 4 mos)	\$1390/\$695=				118/218
		(Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos)	\$1890/\$945=				128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract			- \$0				
8.			<b>Extension Fee Attached</b>	+ \$0			
9. If <u>Terminal Disclaimer</u> attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee .....			+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0			148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), ..... or if Rule 97(d) Request .....		add	+ \$180	+ \$0			126
		add	+ \$180	+ \$0			126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) .....			+ \$710/355	+ \$0			146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b) .....			x \$710/355 ea	+ \$0			149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) .....			+ \$710/355	+ \$0			1179/1279
14. Petition fee for .....				+ \$0			
15.			<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =</b>	\$			

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Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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